Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 31 with the following paragraph (a marked-up version of the changes is included herewith):

Figure 2 shows a schematic diagram of an apparatus arranged to receive such a bit-stream. The bit-stream is received at the input of the selective bit-stream decoder 210. The decoder 210 is arranged to selectively extract bits from the bit-stream relating to predetermined parameters of the multimedia signal. These predetermined parameters are then utilised to determine the hash function 280. In the preferred embodiment for a transform encoded audio signal, the scale-factors (and optionally the spectral values) per scale factor band are extracted from the bit-stream. These scale-factors and spectral values are subsequently processed in order to obtain energies. In principle the scale-factors alone give an estimate of the energies. The estimates are made more precise if the spectral values are also taken into account. In the simplest case, these values are then utilised to calculate the hash function.